

SAMUEL GOODRICH, JR.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 772.]

JANUARY 24, 1857.

Mr. ROBBINS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Goodrich, jr., report:

That in September, 1814, the petitioner entered the service of the United States in the militia, in Oswego county, New York, and marched to Sackett's harbor, New York; there in camp he was exposed to the hardships of a soldier; destitute of barracks, exposed to the wet, sleeping on the wet ground, he was seized with the prevailing camp distemper, which soon became a bilious fever and inflammatory rheumatism, which caused the formation of many tumors upon his body and limbs, that were often lanced, resulting, finally, in the formation of an abscess on the left hip, injuring the hip-joint, contracting of the muscles, shortening of the left leg, making it almost useless, attended with extreme pain; on reaching home he was confined to his bed or room one year and a half, and since that day he has continued a cripple, unable to perform hard labor, with a diseased hip incurable, and without hope of improvement.

The above facts are established by the testimony of Doctor Moses R. Porter, who attended him on his reaching home, five days after he left camp, and the testimony of Surgeons James A. Thompson and A. L. Thompson, who were his constant physicians after Doctor Porter left for Ohio, and who have since that day been his physicians, all confirming the truth as to the formation of an abscess on the left hip, causing lameness—a disease and lameness beyond the hope of cure or of improvement.

The service, the sickness in camp, the continued sickness after reaching home, the result of his sickness in the formation of an abscess, causing lameness, and crippling him, is further supported by the testimony of nine witnesses, certified to be respectable and credible; the surgeons are certified to be respectable in their profession.

The committee beg leave to report a bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.

